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The Honorable Arthur F. Sampson
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Dear Mr. Administrator:

It has come to my attention that two operating airlines, Air America and Southern Air Transport, are in the process of being sold. Negotiations for the sale of Southern Air Transport have been under way for several months and a proposal is presently under consideration by the CAB. More recently, it has been reported that Air America and its subsidiary, Air Asia, are being offered for sale by the Pacific Corporation, the parent company.

Both of these airlines are alleged to be owned in whole or in part by the U. S. Government. As you know, the disposal of Government property is supposed to be in accordance with provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act, including a report to the Government Operations Committees of the House and Senate in appropriate circumstances.

I would appreciate being advised as to plans for the disposal of the above properties, particularly as to whether or not they will be in compliance with the Federal Property Act. Also, is there any possible violation of law involved in disposing of a certificated air carrier that may have been funded in whole or in part by the U. S. Government?

Sincerely,

Jack Brooks
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cc: The Honorable William E. Colby, Director
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